(*b*) the several rates at which the sales were effected;

(*c*) the names of the respective purchasers; and

(*d*) how the sales were effected by calling tenders, or by auction or by private negotiation?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 39,000 candies distributed as follows:—

Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield. 32,000 candies.
,, The Tata Oil Mills Co. 6,000 candies.

(*b*) *Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield.*

1,500 candies of Elavu and Cheeni at 6 as. 6 p. per c. ft.
29,500 candies of Elavu and Cheeni at 6 as 4 p. per c. ft.
2000 candies of Cheeni alone at 6 as. per c. ft.

Messrs. Tata Oil Mills Company.

6000 candies of Elavu and Cheeni at 8 as. per c. ft.

(*c*) Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield Ltd., Quilon.
Messrs. The Tata Oil Mills Company Ltd. Ernakulam.

(*d*) Only by negotiations and with the sanction of Government.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): With reference to the answer to part (*d*), may I know why, when soft-wood was sold at 8 annas per cubic foot to the Tata Oil Mills Company, it was sold at 6 annas odd per cubic foot to Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say the exact reason now. It was considered necessary to fix the rates like that.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know why the sale was effected by negotiation instead of by calling for tenders?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): On account of the condition of the timber market at the time, sale by negotiation was considered best.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Was the process of public auction tried?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think it was tried in this case.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Why not?

PRESIDENT: The member has stated that, in view of the condition of the timber market, it was considered more profitable to Government to sell by negotiation.

Discussion of the Temple-Entry Committee Report.

33. * **MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial to the effect that the two Houses of the Legislature should be given a chance to discuss the Temple Entry Committee Report before any orders are finally passed on it; and

(*b*) if so, what action they have taken in regard to that?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government do not consider that the Temple-Entry Enquiry Committee Report should be discussed on the floor of the Legislature.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know why the Government do not consider that that report should be discussed on the floor of this House?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That was the view of the Government; they consider that it is not expedient to allow the report to be discussed on the floor of the House.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Have the Government considered the report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is under consideration.

MR. S NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): How long is it since the Government began the consideration of the report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Since the submission of the report.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know the date on which the report was submitted to Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Towards the end of 1109.

MR. EDAVNATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know why this Committee was constituted?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the preparation of the report. (*Laughter.*)

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Why did the Government want this report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To see what can be done in the matter. (*Laughter.*)

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether the Government have considered the report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said it is under consideration.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Was the expenditure for this Committee met from the General Revenue or from the Devaswom Fund?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe it was from the General Revenue.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): In view of that fact, may I know why the Government do not consider it necessary that the Report should be discussed on the floor of this House?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government consider it not expedient to discuss it here: that is their view.

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PRESIDENT : That is the opinion of Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : Will the Government be pleased to give the considerations that weighed with them in forming that opinion ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am unable to answer that question. I said that is the view of the Government. Government considered all aspects of the question and came to this conclusion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was it because it happened to be the temple entry question that the Government consider it not expedient to discuss the Report here ? (*Laughter.*)

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No. On a careful consideration of the Report, Government decided that it was not expedient to place it before the House for discussion.

Accommodation in the V. M. School, Varkala.

34. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any representation has been made with regard to the want of accommodation in the V. M. School building at Varkala ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The matter is, however, under consideration.

Cholera in Shencotta.

35. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether cholera broke out in the Shencotta taluk for a second time recently ;

(*b*) when the authorities noticed it ;

(*c*) the number of cases so far noticed ; and

(*d*) the number of casualties so far ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) On 3-10-1110.

(*c*) 64.

(*d*) 36.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : When did the epidemic break out a second time ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the answer that it was noticed by the authorities on 3-10-1110. It must have broken out somewhere about that time.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : I want to know the exact date when it broke out.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It may be a few days before the date given.

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